

JEWISH NORMATIVE LITERATURE ("Old Testament")

(4) Genesis

Alienation as theme in: Cain-Abel, Tower of Babel, Flood (Social)  
Adam and Eve (Personal) "original sin"--destructive  
forces and situation into which we are born;  
Jacob--and the demonstration of unity--bundle of sticks  
Creation accounts of man and woman--theme of all created is "good" chs. 1-12

Exodus

The passing over theme  
Exile to promised land--redemption  
Pilgrim faith--religion as movement  
Call to be kingdom of priests and holy nation  
"Burning Bush"--experience that led to a political-economic-cultural-religious  
liberation  
The story of Moses' hand being upheld and its effect upon the success of the  
Israelites in battle--support/strength

Prophets

Amos: "The Caretaker of Trees"--his prophetic mission  
Hosea: Interiority  
Jeremiah, Ezekiel--Parables in action  
Their calls, i.e. Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Amos  
Isaiah 1-51  
Story of David-Bathsheba-Nathan  
Story of Samuel and Saul--Samuel's rebuke of Saul over Agog with Buber's comments  
Daniel--Eschatological urgency in Dan. 7--three Hebrew boys, texts pertaining  
to prophecy

Numbers

May the Lord bless you and keep you  
Love God....neighbor as self (Nm. and Leviticus)

Job

Psalms (1, 19, 23, 27, 46, 91, 103)

Proverbs 1

(3) Prophets

Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel--calls and objection elements  
God calls us from slavery into freedom--liberation

Psalms

Job

Genesis--Stories, gospel

Faith--Try me and see if I would not open the windows of heaven and shower  
you a blessing

The story of the Shunamite woman

(2) Call of Abraham, Moses

The Psalms -- Pastoral care, visitation, medita-  
tion, prayer

Hosea, Amos

David's Life

(1) Genesis--Garden of Eden passages

Amos, Micah

Law and Ritual in OT --as applicable to

Minor Prophets and problems of injustice

Christian Liturgy

Job

CHRISTIAN NORMATIVE LITERATURE ("New Testament")

- (4) Implications of "Word made flesh"  
 Jesus as Pioneer in John (worship in spirit and truth)  
 Philippians as prison literature  
 Romans as relationship to law  
 Revelations as political urgings
- John -- Gospel and Letters  
 Paul's Epistles -- Corinthians, Ephesians, Colossians  
 Resurrection accounts ... Emmaus  
 Jesus and his relationship with disciples and all whom he meets  
 Setting scenes for reading of SS--i.e. Jesus at my kitchen table, on a hillside  
 with Him speaking directly to me.  
 Asking self: "How do I feel when I hear Jesus say to me (and then pick a passage  
 and write a letter to Jesus about what's happening to me right now;  
 Great commandment
- Matthew 5-7 (Sermon on the Mount) (Generally use regular lectionary preaching  
 on assigned passages for each Sunday.)
- Epistles--Philippians, I Thess., Corinthians -- Issue of growth and maturity  
 John 1, Magnificat in Luke John 3:16
- Talmud: respond to call for help as if there is no God  
 Midrash: Are not the Egyptians who are drowning also my children?  
 Hasidic Stories: God calls you to be yourself  
 Where does God dwell--Where man lets him in.
- Gospels -- Luke 4, Mark 1 Jesus' proclamation: "The kingdom is at hand!"  
 Acts 4: "The fellowship of all things in common."  
 The infilling of the Holy Spirit
- Passages pertaining to a deeper spiritual walk with God and the Second Coming  
 of Christ.  
 Revelation
- Paul's discourse on the unity of the body of Christ --Romans  
 I live, yet not I but Christ lives in me. Striving after perfection until we  
 come to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Discipline of  
 Christian life.
- Hebrews --How shall we escape if we neglect
- (3) Apostles--their attitudes, feelings in a scene  
 Christ's baptism in the Jordan by John  
 Sermon on the Mount I Cor. 13  
 Christ's ministry--especially his relationships with people  
 John's Gospel
- (2) Relate preaching to seasons--Advent, Christmas, etc.  
 Parables -- Romans 8 -- Revelation 21 -- Corinthians -- Letters to Timothy
- (1) Revelation -- Hebrews 11 -- Acts -- Ephesians

OTHER LITERATURE

- (4) Plays, Films, Novels as revelation continues  
Buddhist and Hindu Scriptures

Examples of what I've read about in homilies e.g. self image and relationships  
seen in princess kissing frog and return to prince, etc.

Commentary to Prayer Book to explain and teach concerning our liturgical worship

History -- Biographies -- individual struggle and social change

John Donne -- No Man Is an Island

Heschel -- Sabbath -- Day of being  
Weekdays -- Days of having and acquiring

Buber -- from I and Thou

Current Periodicals and Books

Camille -- Violetta of Verdi's LA TRAVIATA

Sermons and sermon outlines

Lepp: The Depth's of the Soul

Devotion and Discipleship

Commentaries

Shakespeare

Religious books, magazines

- (3) Gore's Commentary on Holy Scripture -- Cruden's Concordance

Literature on Teaching and Youth

Baez: "Imagine"--no religion, no country to kill for, no private property to feed  
greed--

Maslow

- (2) Contemporary Theologian's Biographies

Chopin Nocturnes for non-verbal communication, if there is a piano or stereo

Buber: Story of man who came to him and left to commit suicide when Buber was  
focusing on his own God-self relationship.

Prayer/Confession

- (1) Sanskrit: Exhortation of the Dawn

Psychoanalytic literature